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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hiroshi HARUKI, et al.

Group Art Unit: 2162

Serial No.: 08/971,903

Examiner: J. MYHRE

Filed: November 17, 1997

For: COMPUTER-RELATED PRODUCT USER MANAGEMENT AND SERVICE SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is to be considered with the Request for Continued Prosecution Application filed on September 27, 2001.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the claims as follows: (all of the claims are listed below, whether or not amended)

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1. (FIVE TIMES AMENDED) A computer implemented management system, which manages registration of computer-related products, including hardware and software products, comprising:

a user information general management means, generally managing user registration information, about users of hardware and software products, and using status information thereof transmitted from the user; and

a user registration/reference means that interfaces with the users notifying said user information general management means of the user registration information and the using status information at a request of the user and the using status information,

wherein the user registration information comprises personal information about each user containing an identification number of each user and registration information containing a type of information which is requested by the users with regard to the computer-related